

REFERENCE TITLE: term limits; four years

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Representative Gallardo

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE IV, PART 2, SECTION 21, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS' TERMS.

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1 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the
2 Senate concurring:

3 1. Article IV, part 2, section 21, Constitution of Arizona, is
4 proposed to be amended as follows if approved by the voters and on
5 proclamation of the Governor:

6 21. Term limits of members of state legislature

7 Section 21. A. The members of the first legislature
8 shall hold office until the first Monday in January, 1913.

9 THROUGH THE FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, the terms of office of the

10 members of ~~succeeding legislatures~~ THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 AND THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE shall be two years. No state

12 senator shall serve more than four consecutive terms in that
13 office, nor shall any state representative serve more than four
14 consecutive terms in that office. This limitation on the number

15 of terms of consecutive service shall apply to terms of office
16 beginning on or after January 1, 1993. BEGINNING WITH THE

17 FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE IN 2009, THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE

18 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE MEMBERS OF THE
19 SENATE SHALL BE FOUR YEARS. BEGINNING WITH THE FORTY-NINTH

20 LEGISLATURE IN 2009, A STATE SENATOR SHALL NOT SERVE MORE THAN
21 THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN THAT OFFICE, NOR SHALL ANY STATE

22 REPRESENTATIVE SERVE MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN THAT
23 OFFICE. THIS LIMITATION TO THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS OF SERVICE

24 APPLIES TO TERMS OF OFFICE THAT BEGIN ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1,
25 2009. No legislator, after serving the maximum number of terms,

26 which shall include any part of a term served, may serve in the
27 same office until ~~he~~ THE LEGISLATOR has been out of office for
28 no less than one full term.

29 B. THE INCREASE TO A FOUR YEAR TERM BEGINNING WITH THE
30 FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE IN 2009 SHALL APPLY AS FOLLOWS:

31 1. A LEGISLATOR WHO SERVES THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN ONE
32 HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE AND WHOSE FIRST TERM BEGAN IN JANUARY,
33 2003 IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE ONE ADDITIONAL CONSECUTIVE TERM IN
34 THAT HOUSE THAT BEGINS IN JANUARY, 2009 AND IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR
35 A FIFTH CONSECUTIVE TERM IN THAT HOUSE.

36 2. A LEGISLATOR WHO SERVES TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN ONE
37 HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE AND WHOSE FIRST TERM BEGAN IN JANUARY,
38 2005 IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE TWO ADDITIONAL CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN
39 THAT HOUSE THAT BEGIN IN JANUARY, 2009 AND JANUARY, 2013 AND IS
40 NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A FIFTH CONSECUTIVE TERM IN THAT HOUSE.

1 3. A LEGISLATOR WHO SERVES ONE TERM IN A HOUSE OF THE
2 LEGISLATURE AND WHOSE FIRST TERM BEGAN IN JANUARY, 2007 WITHOUT
3 PRIOR CONSECUTIVE SERVICE IN THAT HOUSE IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE
4 THREE ADDITIONAL CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN THAT HOUSE THAT BEGIN IN
5 JANUARY, 2009, JANUARY, 2013 AND JANUARY, 2017.

6 2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the voters
7 at the next general election as provided by article XXI, Constitution of
8 Arizona.